

No. 1111
13th Avenue
I think
Gentlemen.)

I beg to hand you my report for the year ending 1898.

Table A annexed gives the number of deaths from all causes viz 108 or 18 per 1,000. There were 28 deaths under one year, this was higher than usual but not so high as last year and can be accounted for by ^{the} presence of measles in the town. Whooping cough was also prevalent in the early part of the year. There was one fatal case of Enteric fever, viz a tramp in the Union Workhouse.

Table B annexed is the most satisfactory that we have had for some years. Two cases of Enteric fever one of which was a tramp, and the other was caused by an unsanitary house. One case of diphtheria occurred in a girl who walked into the town not knowing what ailed, and had to be detained in the Isolation Hospital. This case was bacteriologically examined and found to be diphtheria. Four cases of Scarlet fever, two were sent into the Isolation Hospital.

The number of births was 149.

Water Supply. The spring water began to fail in the early Autumn owing to our having no rain last winter. During the year our rainfall was 8 inches below the average. A great deal of trouble was taken to give the inhabitants as much pure water as possible; by lowering the outlet a few feet, and by periodically pumping from Mullins' Well more water was obtained. This had again to be pumped out of the large tank under the street up to the tank under the Town Hall, and a water cart placed at the far end of

Salop Street. The spring rose again the last few days of the year and at the time of writing this a large body of water is running to waste. No case of illness arose from drinking Severn water as supplied by the town main.

Town Supply. During the first half of the year many houses were seriously inconvenienced by not having a proper supply. Since the new main has been laid all this has been removed and every house has now an abundant supply. When the drought was at its worst I, with members of the Sanitary Committee and others, inspected the Clebury North spring, and found at that time a good supply.

Sewage. During the past year I have made special enquiries about the Septic Tank system of treating sewage and am confident that we might at once to adopt it for our North Gate sewer.

Disposal of Ashes. This is still being done in a most unsatisfactory manner and the carts still remove a large quantity of trade refuse which ought to be otherwise disposed of. I think the time has now come when the Council should insist on every householder providing himself with an ash-box and that no one be allowed to keep ashes in a pit. If this were done, as it is done in other towns, the cost of removing ashes would be considerably less than at present, besides which a large number of filthy nuisances would be removed. I think if you continue to remove trade refuse a special charge should be made for so doing.

Samples of Milk have been taken during the year and found to be of a good quality. Cow-sheds and dairies have been visited; slaughter-houses and workshops have been inspected and found satisfactory.

From the Inspector of Nuisances' report which is as follows you will see a good deal of work has been done by him.

Summary of Sanitary Work for the year ending Dec 31. 1898 furnished by the Medical Officers of Health and embodying the information obtained from the Inspectors.

Number of houses which have been inspected during the year either in connection with outbreaks of infectious disease, or in consequence of complaints or in the course of a systematic sanitary survey. 320

Total number of notices of all kinds served, including both formal and informal notices) 32.

Approximate number of such notices complied with. 32.

Particulars of Sanitary matters referred to in the above notices.

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| (A.) Houses to be disinfected after infectious disease. | 2. |
| (B.) Deficient or objectionable water supply. | 5. |
| (C.) New drains to be constructed, or old drains to be amended. | 7. |
| (D.) New closets to be provided or old ones to be amended in construction. | 3. |
| (E.) Houses damp or dirty or admitting rain or weather or otherwise in a bad sanitary condition. | 7. |
| (F.) Offensive accumulations of all kinds. | 2. |

- (G.) Animals so kept as to be a nuisance. 0.
(H.) Houses overcrowded. 6.

Number of cases in which proceedings before magistrates have been taken for failure to comply with any of the above notices. 2.

- (a) Exposure of bad meat for sale. 0. one case cautioned.
(b.) Public exposure of infected persons or things. 0.
(c.) Offences against By-laws and Regulations relating either to Lodging Houses, Slaughterhouses, Dairies and Milkshops etc. 0.

